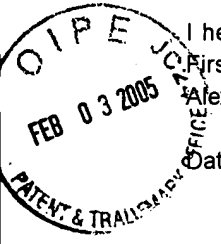


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The present communication responds to the Office Action dated December 29, 2004 in the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.